



**HIP GIRLS GUIDE TO HOSTESSING**

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## STOCK UP.

There are five basic things you should always have in your fridge so that you are always ready to entertain:

- goat cheese
- loaf of french bread in the freezer
- bottle of wine
- a box of pasta
- olive oil

Plan ahead and buy wines that won't overpower the food, such as Pinot Noir or Sauvignon Blanc. Plan for three drinks per guest, and have nonalcoholic alternatives available, including bottled water.



## CREATE A NOVELTY COCKTAIL.

Create a novelty cocktail. For informal gatherings, signature mojitas, martinis or margaritas made with seasonal fruits are easy to pair with simple Spanish olives and cheese, mixed nuts or chips and salsa. For a bachelorette party, shower, or other party in honor of someone, it's always fun to name the drink after the honoree!